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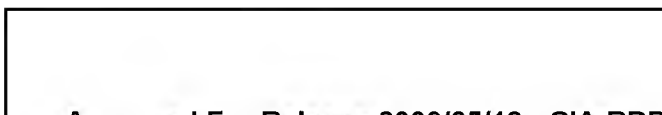
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CHILE: President Allende reportedly will try to replace the present congress if his coalition wins a majority in the municipal elections on 4 April.

Allende

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[REDACTED] said that a victory would enable him to call for a plebiscite within three months on the question of substituting a unicameral "people's assembly" for the present bicameral congress in which his coalition has a minority. The change was in Allende's presidential platform, and he has the legal tools to resort to a plebiscite under constitutional reforms passed in 1969.

[REDACTED] Allende expressed resentment and a desire for revenge against some leaders of the Christian Democratic Party, which holds 75 of the 200 seats in congress, for their recent strong attacks against him and his government. Allende partially blamed the "sluggish performance" of his administration on its multiparty structure, but praised the Communist Party as the most cooperative and efficient member of his coalition.

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